MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2020
I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Ben Kudo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at University of Hawai‘i – West O‘ahu, 91-1001 Farrington Highway, Campus Center, Room C208, Kapolei, Hawai‘i 96707.

Quorum (10): Chair Ben Kudo; Vice-Chair Jan Sullivan; Vice-Chair Wayne Higaki; Regent Simeon Acoba; Regent Kelli Acopan; Regent Eugene Bal; Regent Michael McEnerney; Regent Randy Moore; Regent Robert Westerman; and Regent Ernest Wilson Jr.

Excused (2): Regent Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Michelle Tagorda.

Others in attendance: President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Academic Planning and Policy Donald Straney; VP for Research and Innovation, Vassilis Syrmos; VP for Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Kalbert Young; VP for Advancement/UH Foundation (UHF) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Tim Dolan; UH Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH Hilo Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; UH West O‘ahu (UHWO) Chancellor Maenette Benham; Leeward Community College (LeeCC) Chancellor Carlos Peñaloza; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 16, 2020 MEETING
Regent Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting, seconded by Regent Moore. Noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Sullivan, Regent Nahale-a, and Regent Tagorda, the motion carried, with all members present voting in the affirmative.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Board Secretary Oishi announced that the Board Office received written comments from the UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee regarding the ongoing UHM campus reorganization efforts and Nanea Lo regarding the continuation of funding for the Nā Koʻokoʻo initiative within the College of Social Sciences at UHM and that no one signed up to provide oral testimony.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
President Lassner thanked UHWO for hosting the meeting and provided a report highlighting the following:
Hawai‘i Graduation Initiative

- Census data indicates that overall headcount enrollment is down over the spring. However, headway has been made in enrollment from the losses experienced last fall relative to fall 2018. The loss in overall enrollment numbers from spring-to-spring was also smaller than the fall-to-fall loss which indicates that more students were either being retained from last year or admitted to UH. Enrollment at UHWO, Windward Community College (WinCC), and Hawai‘i Community College (HawCC) has also increased, with UHWO and HawCC reversing downward trends that were being experienced in fall enrollment. WinCC was the only campus to experience an increase in enrollment in fall 2019, and increased its growth from 2.4% in the fall to 7.3% this spring. President Lassner reiterated that while overall headcount enrollment is just one data point, it is a useful indicator of trends. The administration will continue to review and analyze enrollment data in detail to gain insight on which enrollment segments are experiencing growth and which are not so that UH can continue to improve in its efforts to serve more students.

- UHM will launch its first Naval ROTC program in August 2021 which will provide scholarship opportunities that will enable more Hawai‘i students to attend college affordably, as well as serve their country, and become commissioned naval officers upon graduation. Planning for the establishment of the Naval ROTC program has already begun with an expected cohort of 60-120 students.

Hawai‘i Innovation Initiative

- UH continues to work on addressing sustainability and resilience and has leveraged its expertise in this subject area to secure funding from the Department of Defense (DOD) to ensure that military installations are prepared for the effects of climate change. A School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) research team led by Dr. Chip Fletcher has developed models that indicate the projected impacts sea-level rise will have on beach erosion, groundwater inundation, drainage failure, and seasonal high-wave over-wash, as well as other flood related impacts to coastal areas. This modeling can then be used by government agencies, including the DOD, to administer coastal policy, establish construction guidelines, and plan for resilient infrastructure projects. As a result of this work, UH stands to be extremely competitive for additional, available funding in this area.

- UHealthy, a new effort to advance healthcare initiatives to improve health and healthcare statewide, continues to receive support at the Legislature. Initiatives continuing to move forward include legislation that increases the vaping age to 21, supports telehealth, and strengthens healthcare workforce development.

- UH is currently working with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) and the Office of Naval Research on corrosion and groundwater issues with regard to the Red Hill fuel storage facility and have formed a strategic partnership to research current and future technologies in the areas of corrosion
prevention, surface coatings, and groundwater monitoring to address these issues.

High Performing System

- College reorganization efforts continue to move forward. The merger of the College of Language, Linguistics, and Literature; College of Arts and Humanities; and School of Pacific and Asian Studies to develop a newly conceived college that brings together arts, humanities, languages, and Pacific and Asian studies to create a more unique, dynamic, and cohesive liberal arts community at UHM is on schedule for formal consultation this spring and is expected to move ahead without delay.

- The reorganization of campus administration at UHM has been delayed. While it was anticipated that the final versions of new functional statements and high-level organizational charts, as well as the creation of Vice-Provost positions and other offices under the authority of the UHM Provost, would be completed by April, the UHM Faculty Senate has informed the administration that they will require sixty days to fully and adequately review the final, formal proposal regarding campus reorganization. This will result in the administration’s inability to complete formal consultation by April. Informal consultations will continue with formal consultation with the UHM Faculty Senate, governance groups, and unions now being anticipated to take place in the fall of 2020.

Mission-Focused System

- The UH Cancer Center (Cancer Center) which has faced a number of issues over the years continues to improve. The Cancer Center renewed all of its National Cancer Institute designations and has received $6.5 million in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health to develop an early phase clinical trial program. The Cancer Center also recently welcomed an annual visit from its External Advisory Board (EAB) consisting of cancer center directors and associate directors from across the country. The EAB conducted a review of the Cancer Center, speaking with researchers and administrators, and provided extremely positive feedback on the Cancer Center noting the improved climate and camaraderie, the quality of the research programs, and the increase in institutional support.

- Five campuses of the UH System have been designated as national centers of academic excellence in cyber defense education and research, which is another key area of focus for UH. The administration continues to seek federal investments in this area to prepare students to meet current and future challenges in cybersecurity.

Vice-Chair Sullivan arrived at 9:46 a.m.

- UH continues to receive strong federal support and funding for a number of its programs and initiatives including the Pacific Disaster Center Global program,
ocean and earth sciences programs, Title III programs, alternative energy research programs, and astronomy programs.

- UH has established a new Office of Indigenous Innovation within the Office of Innovation and Commercialization. The new office will be responsible for promoting and advancing indigenous innovation and entrepreneurship within UH and the community using the knowledge and expertise of indigenous populations. UH will continue to identify funding opportunities to secure support for this program.

President Lassner also highlighted the following:

- In 2019, UH launched a partnership with Landed, a company that assists employees at educational institutions in purchasing housing mainly through a down payment program that helps individuals meet a 20 percent, home-buying down-payment threshold. To date, Landed has assisted four UH employees in successfully purchasing their homes, with an additional 19 employees actively working on purchasing a home through this program. Landed has also helped connect several hundred UH employees with home-buying educational resources.

Report of the Host Campus

Chancellor Benham welcomed everyone to UHWO and provided a brief overview of work begun by UHWO in 2017 to formulate and develop a comprehensive strategic action planning process. These efforts have resulted in the development of a three-phase operational action plan (Action Plan), the first phase of which will be completed shortly, and preparations for the initiation of the second phase currently underway. The Action Plan will perform concentrated assessments of UHWO’s work and mission and determine ways in which it can strengthen or pivot its planning processes, programs, and actions to carry-out UHWO’s mission and meet its goals and objectives of generating a vibrant learning environment with comprehensive support services; engaging teaching, learning, and scholarship activities that are student centered; and achieving good stewardship of resources to allow for optimization and expansion.

Chancellor Benham provided a brief history of UHWO, noting its origins at LeeCC in the 1960s and its relocation to its current campus in 2012. She noted the campus expansion that has since taken place with the addition of Hawaii Tokai International College and an Administration and Health Sciences Building and the doubling of parking facilities. Expansion is expected to continue with the strategic campus land plan anticipating the addition of student housing and classroom facilities, including an innovation building, and the expansion of the campus center building. UHWO also continues to work with the administration in developing plans for its university district lands and Transit Oriented Development. Chancellor Benham spoke on the ongoing development of the Creative Media Facility (Facility) noting that construction of the Facility was 60 percent complete with an anticipated opening this fall. She highlighted the various features of the Facility, including soundstage and production features, stating that the Facility was an integral facet of UHWO’s creative media program which
currently has 172 enrolled majors with those numbers projected to increase to between 205 and 244 in the near future.

The faculty and staff of UHWO were acknowledged for their hard work in creating a welcoming and culturally-responsive educational atmosphere that Chancellor Benham credited with UHWO’s consistency with student enrollment and matriculation. She reported that UHWO has consistently experienced an enrollment of approximately 3,000 students each year for the past three years, has awarded 1,800 bachelors degrees, and has a current retention rate of 76.4 percent. The addition of 269 new students at UHWO the spring of 2020 was also seen as a positive enrollment indicator given that 339 students graduated in the fall. Chancellor Benham spoke on the success of UHWO’s Early College Program which serves approximately 300 high school students each semester and continues to work with community partners to host career fairs on campus, with the last career fair welcoming 1,300 high school freshmen. She reported that there were currently 43 articulation agreements with a number of community colleges and the neighbor island distance education program added 3 new concentrations.

Chancellor Benham also underscored a number of UHWO’s achievements including consistently high placement in national collegiate rankings; growth in extramural funding from $5.5 million in 2017 to $8.2 million in 2019; and increased philanthropic donations from $260,000 in 2017 to $808,000 in 2019 with a goal of achieving $1 million in donations in 2020. She highlighted achievements made by UHWO faculty, including the establishment of a number of partnerships with the community to provide internships, practicums, and mentorships for UHWO students, and provided a few success stories of UHWO graduates.

Faculty Report

Tom Hirsbrunner, UHWO Faculty Senate Chair, provided a brief overview of the achievements and professional accolades received by faculty members for their work which included winning prestigious awards in literature and music. He highlighted a number of successes experienced by UHWO because of the efforts of faculty including the receipt of a $2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to improve college readiness and success for Native Hawaiian students and provide these students with STEM opportunities; the creation of courses to provide finance students a pathway to become certified financial planners; and the collaboration with the DOD to establish a cybersecurity scholarship program which includes DOD job placement upon graduation. He also noted that UHWO’s education division recently hosted its accreditation site visit by its national accrediting agency and was issued full accreditation with the peer review team reporting that there were no areas within the division that needed improvement.

Mr. Hirsbrunner also reviewed UHWO’s instructional capacity profile noting the dramatic changes in student enrollment, number of classes being offered, and growth of instructional staff, including both full-time faculty and lecturers, over the past 10 years. He stated that the most concerning statistic was that the growth in full-time faculty has not kept pace with the growth in student enrollment or the increase in the number of classes being offered at UHWO. While UHWO has experienced a 129 percent increase
in student enrollment and a 230 percent increase in the number of classes offered over the last ten years, it has only increased full-time faculty by 81 percent. To keep pace with these increased educational demands, UHWO has expanded the number of full-time lecturers by 1,550 percent over the same ten-year time period. Mr. Hirsbrunner noted that lecturers provide an invaluable service to UHWO but that the faculty to lecturer ratio at comparable universities was greater. He also cited studies that have indicated that a reliance on lecturers has adverse impacts on graduation rates, retention rates, and other educational outcomes and asked for continued support in increasing the full-time faculty at UHWO as an investment in its future.

V. COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE REPORTS

A. Report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs

Committee Chair Wilson summarized the committee report.

B. Report from the Committee on Independent Audit

Committee Chair McEnerney summarized the committee report.

Noting that it was his understanding that monitoring of the culinary, parking, and housing programs at UH was supposed to be ongoing, Chair Kudo inquired as to whether the report from the Internal Auditor contained information on these programs. Committee Chair McEnerney replied that the housing program was reported on but that the culinary and parking programs were not covered by this report. He stated that it was his understanding that, while the issues with the culinary program had been resolved, both the culinary and parking programs were still being monitored by the Internal Auditor but that no regular reports to the board were required. Committee Chair McEnerney remarked that he would follow-up with the Internal Auditor on these issues.

C. Report from the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

Committee Chair Acoba summarized the committee report and reviewed the amendments to Regent Policy 7.208 (RP 7.208) that the Committee was recommending for board approval.

Board Chair Kudo noted that under RP 7.208 there are provisions that include both board and administration responsibilities and questioned whether the delegation of authority under the amended RP 7.208 could be clarified to ensure that RP 7.208 is not misinterpreted to mean that all authority has been delegated to the administration. He suggest adding the phrase, “except as reserved by the board” to the end of the portion of RP 7.208 that delegates authority to the administration. Committee Chair Acoba concurred, and with no objections from the members of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics present, the amendment was accepted for inclusion into the recommended amendments to RP 7.208.

D. Report from the Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance

Committee Vice-Chair Acopan summarized the committee report.
E. Affiliate Reports

**UH Student Caucus:** Regent Acopan reported that the UH Student Caucus met with state legislators on Friday, February 14, and will hold their next meeting on February 24 where she is expecting to receive more information on the legislative meetings. Preliminary indications from students who attended the meetings are that the meetings went well.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

1. **Approval of Amendments to RP 7.208, Intercollegiate Athletics**

2. **Approval of the Indemnification Provision to Allow the University of Hawai‘i to Accept National Aeronautics and Space Administration Research Awards and Subawards**

3. **Approval of an Indemnification Provision to Allow the University of Hawai‘i to Accept a Subaward from the Regents of the University of Michigan of a U.S. Department of Energy Sponsored Research**

Vice-Chair Higaki moved to approve the consent agenda, subject to the additional amendment to RP 7.208 proposed by Chair Kudo which was accepted by the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. Regent Wilson seconded the motion, and noting the excused absences of Regents Nahale-a and Tagorda, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

B. **Status Update on Items Relating to Maunakea Management Pursuant to Board of Regents Resolution 19-03**

President Lassner provided a brief introduction to this agenda item noting that Resolution 19-03 required the administration to provide an update to the board at its February 2020 meeting on the schedule for the decommissioning of the first two telescopes on Maunakea, as well as, the status of educational and outreach programs being undertaken by UH at Hale Pōhaku. He introduced UHH Chancellor Bonnie Irwin who noted that work is ongoing with a number of items related to Maunakea management pursuant to Resolution 19-03. Chancellor Irwin stated that UHH has rearranged and reorganized its Maunakea weekly meetings group from large committees into smaller, nimbler working groups to allow for more rapid progress on the issues contained in Resolution 19-03.

1. **Decommissioning Update**

Dr. Greg Chun, Executive Director of Maunakea Stewardship, presented an update on the status of the decommissioning of the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory (CSO) and UHH’s Hōkū Kea teaching telescope (Hōkū Kea) and acknowledged the numerous individuals involved in this process. He noted that the decommissioning initiative is just one of many being undertaken regarding Maunakea and emphasized that all the
initiatives will require an extensive amount of cooperation and coordination between various parties across the system and involve numerous skillsets to ensure proper stewardship of Maunakea.

Dr. Chun provided a brief history and overview of the overall decommissioning process noting that the ultimate goal of the process is the partial or total removal of all structures associated with an observatory facility and the restoration of the site, to the greatest extent possible, to its pre-construction condition. In 2010, the board approved an overall Decommissioning Plan for the Maunakea Observatories (Decommissioning Plan) which received approval from the Board of Land and Natural Resources that same year. The Decommissioning Plan defines a multi-step decommissioning process which includes extensive reviews, assessments, environmental analyses, cultural monitoring, financial analysis, consultation, and community outreach, and anticipates a five-year timeframe for completion of the entire process to site restoration.

Dr. Chun noted that the decommissioning process itself revolves around two key elements – the site deconstruction and removal plan (Deconstruction Plan) and the site restoration plan (Restoration Plan). The Deconstruction Plan describes the methods of demolition, either in part or in total, of the facility and any associated infrastructure. While the starting point for the Deconstruction Plan is full removal of the facility, the Deconstruction Plan also evaluates any adverse impacts of full removal to the site and notes any alternatives to full removal which might be considered to mitigate these adverse impacts. The Restoration Plan has the objective of restoring the site to as close to original as possible and can include full, moderate, or minimal restoration as the need indicates.

The Decommissioning Plan also involves numerous approvals that must be received prior to commencement of decommissioning, including approvals from the Maunakea Management Board (MKMB), the President of UH, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). As part of the Decommissioning Plan, a Decommissioning Review Committee, comprised of various community members and UH officials with a variety of different competencies and backgrounds, is also formed to provide another layer of review of all of the components of the Deconstruction and Restoration Plans. Dr. Chun emphasized that, throughout the decommissioning process, a number of community outreach initiatives intended to receive input on decommissioning plans and their impacts take place, and cultural groups, such as Kahu Ku Mauna, are regularly consulted. MKMB has also been consistently engaged in the decommissioning process. He noted that this input is currently being solicited on the various aspects of the plans for CSO and Hōkū Kea.

Dr. Chun proceeded to provide specific details for the decommissioning of CSO and Hōkū Kea, noting that the decision to cease operations of CSO was made in 2009. The notice of intent to decommission CSO was submitted and approved by the MKMB in 2016; a design contract has been awarded (2017); a decommissioning review committee has been established (2018); and an environmental site and hazardous material assessment has been initiated, with completion of phase I of this assessment occurring in 2019. CSO is currently conducting an internal review of its draft
Environmental Assessment (EA) and it is anticipated that UH will receive the draft EA sometime within the next 45 days.

Similarly, with regards to Hōkū Kea, Dr. Chun noted that a decision to cease operations was made in 2015, and subsequently, UHH presented a notice of intent to decommission to MKMB. However, Dr. Chun stated that numerous concerns were raised by the community regarding the loss of a teaching telescope and the effects this would have on UHH and DOE students who have access to the teaching telescope through programs operated by UHH. MKMB requested that UHH seek further community input and consultation and review alternatives to ensure that there would not be a complete loss of this teaching asset. This resulted in a slight delay of the overall timeline for the decommissioning of Hōkū Kea. As additional reviews and consultations were occurring, UHH concomitantly began preparing for the decommissioning process, including the vetting of contractors, and the possible siting of a new teaching telescope. Dr. Chun stated that MKMB provided formal approval of the notice of intent to decommission in January, 2020, noting that, with this approval, UHH can begin to move expeditiously to establish decommissioning funding plans, site plans, survey plans, and perform environmental due diligence including a Phase I environmental site assessment and hazardous materials assessment.

Discussions are also occurring at UHH regarding long-term planning for overall infrastructure located on Maunakea including summit-wide shared utilities and roadways and the outcome facing these facilities in the event that astronomy ceases all operations on Maunakea in the future. Dr. Chun stated that preliminary analyses will be conducted to look at impacts, costs, and other associated issues involved with possibly removing this infrastructure and that ideas have been developed, including creation of an infrastructure fund, to assist with costs of removal of infrastructure and site restoration.

Regent Westerman asked whether any delays in the decommissioning process of CSO are anticipated. Dr. Chun replied that, in addition to completing the internal review of the EA, CSO has chosen, with the support of UHH, to perform more community outreach and consultation around the alternatives to full removal and restoration. CSO has adjusted its projected end date to the end of summer 2022.

Regent Moore inquired as to why Caltech used CSO for such a short period of time. Dr. Chun responded that it was his understanding that technological advances had been increasing faster than anticipated and that Caltech determined it would be more feasible to cease CSO operations.

Regent Moore questioned whether setting up a fund for the removal of shared infrastructure would be a challenge since any fees initially charged, and interest earned by the fund, may not be sufficient to meet future removal costs. Dr. Chun replied that these are the types of issues and questions that will be reviewed and considered when determining the parameters to be included in the establishment of such a fund. He emphasized that no formal plans to establish this fund have been made and all discussions at this point are purely informal. He also noted that some facilities, such as roads, may not have to be removed as the State may want to keep access for the public open, which might also be a way of reducing costs.
Vice-Chair Sullivan asked whether it was better for the telescope owner or UH to be responsible for the decommissioning process. Dr. Chun replied that having the observatory owner, in this case CSO, be the conservation district use permit applicant, we reduce the overall liability risk to UH. The process currently calls for the facility owner to pay for the studies and hard costs associated with the decommissioning process and discussions are ongoing with CSO to include paying into a shared fund for future infrastructure removal. Dr. Chun stated that UH would still need to accept the EA and issue a finding of no significant impact because deconstruction and restoration plans still need to comply with the Decommissioning Plan and meet all other applicable requirements with which UH has been tasked with ensuring compliance. He also remarked that DLNR has been consulted on these issues and plans and is amenable to this approach.

Vice-Chair Sullivan inquired further on how the telescope owner would be held to a schedule if they were responsible for decommissioning. Dr. Chun responded that UH holds weekly meetings with the telescope owner, as is currently being done with CSO, and that the telescope owner would still have to adhere to UH’s overall Decommissioning Plan which delineates what needs to be completed by the telescope owner, including adherence to an established decommissioning timetable. Vice-Chair Sullivan opined that, while others may be planning for the end of astronomy on Maunakea, she is looking to plan for its future, and is hopeful that the university can learn from this and take these kinds of issues into consideration when developing other subleases or land transactions so that the university has more leverage. Dr. Chun replied that future subleases and land agreements will look much different than what is currently in place.

Chair Kudo thanked everyone involved in this process and acknowledged the hard work that has been undertaken on this issue. He noted that everyone was trying to be sensitive and responsible to fulfill both the legal and moral obligations with regard to Maunakea. He requested that when the report regarding the review of UH’s management of, and stewardship responsibilities for, Maunakea, including a proposed reorganization of management structure for Maunakea is provided to the board at its April meeting, that an update be provided on the status of the decommissioning of CSO and Hōkū Kea.

2. **Education and Outreach Update**

Kaʻiu Kimura, Executive Director of the ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center (‘Imiloa), provided a brief overview of the history and work conducted by ‘Imiloa noting that it is a comprehensive educational facility showcasing the connections between the rich traditions of Hawaiian culture and the groundbreaking astronomical research conducted at the summit of Maunakea which has educated over one million visitors over the last 14 years. She also spoke about the unprecedented collaboration between UHH, the Hawaiian community, astronomers and scientists, and other stakeholders and community members to create a gathering place that, among other things, delivers various educational programs; expands public access to scientific and astronomical research; establishes opportunities for growth of the Hawaiian language; and serves as
a leading model for integrated, culture-based scientific education and community engagement.

Ms. Kimura remarked that orientation and educational plans currently exist under the Maunakea comprehensive management plan, including mandatory visitor orientation plans and orientation plans for employees of both UH and the observatories. Additionally, orientation plans for commercial tour operators have been developed and approved by MKMB and DLNR, and MKMB has also approved an employee and volunteer training plan for all employees and volunteers working on Maunakea. Brochures, activity books, and resource cards are also among the other educational efforts currently occurring on Maunakea. While a draft outreach program plan is currently being reviewed to ensure that it meets all the requirements of the comprehensive management plan and has yet to be presented to MKMB, Ms. Kimura noted that outreach efforts are nevertheless occurring through school activities, community events, and presentations to various organizations. ‘Imiloa also continues to work on staff training, program development, defining roles and responsibilities as they relate to education and outreach, and continued community engagement through programs such as community stargazing and the kama'aina observatory experience to fulfill its education and outreach responsibilities despite the demise of the supplemental budget request submitted to the State Legislature, which included funding for education and outreach efforts.

Ms. Kimura provided details on work currently underway to upgrade, as well as create, interpretive exhibits to provide individuals who visit the VIS with a better understanding of Maunakea as a storied Hawaiian place with a dynamic, living, Hawaiian culture. Conceptual plans for the next exhibit include focusing on Maunakea as a place of connection to the past, to origins and genealogy, to the present, and to the future. In collaboration with UHM’s lava lab, ‘Imiloa is also currently in the process of developing a three-dimensional exhibit of Hawaii Island to tell the story of Maunakea and other areas of Hawaii Island as they relate to Maunakea, but currently faces electrical and wifi issues at the VIS which need to be addressed.

Chair Kudo asked whether there was a timetable for ‘Imiloa to meet its benchmarks. Ms. Kimura replied that ‘Imiloa did not have a definitive timeline. Although ‘Imiloa had targeted the first quarter of this year for completion and installation of the new exhibit, it experienced delays. She reiterated, however, that some programs are already in existence and ongoing and the goal now is to further these programs and initiatives while conversations and collaboration between ‘Imiloa, cultural groups, the scientific community, and other stakeholders continue. Chair Kudo stated that he wanted the process to be thoughtful and comprehensive but that there is a sense of urgency to proceed with these educational and outreach efforts in an expeditious manner.

C. Approval of Faculty Emeritus Status Recommendations for Barry Carlton, Paul Lyons, Karl Minke, and Rodney Morales

Provost Bruno spoke about four former faculty members of UH – Professor Barry Carlton, Professor Paul Lyons, Professor Karl Minke, and Professor Rodney Morales and provided a brief background of the long, illustrious career of each professor,
highlighting a number of their accomplishments and giving a brief synopsis of each individual’s scholarly achievements and contributions to the university. He noted that these distinguished individuals had been unanimously recommended for the title of faculty emeritus by their respective departments but did not meet all of the necessary criteria – mainly that they had not served as full professors for the requisite number of 5 years. As such, the administration is requesting board approval of the faculty emeritus status for these individuals.

Regent Wilson moved to approve the faculty emeritus status recommendations, seconded by Regent Moore, and noting the excused absences of Regents Nahale-a and Tagorda, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

D. Approval of the Establishment of the Dr. Ruth D. Gates Endowed Chair at SOEST at UHM

President Lassner provided information on a financial commitment received from a donor in the amount of $2,000,000 to establish the Dr. Ruth D. Gates Endowed Chair at SOEST. He gave a brief history of the professional life and work of Dr. Gates, an esteemed scientist and faculty member of UH who was world renowned for her scientific work, particularly her work with coral reefs. In recognition of the receipt of this gift, the administration is requesting board approval for the establishment of the Dr. Ruth D. Gates Endowed Chair at SOEST.

Regent Westerman asked how these particular endowments work and if this was an annual donation. President Lassner replied that the $2,000,000 donation would be placed in an interest bearing account and that the interest income from the established endowment would be allocated for its respective purpose.

Regent Wilson moved to approve the establishment of the Dr. Ruth D. Gates Endowed Chair at SOEST, seconded by Regent Acopan, and noting the excused absences of Regents Nahale-a and Tagorda, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

E. Approval of the Establishment of Two William R. Johnson Jr. Distinguished Professorship Endowments in Travel Industry Management for the School of Travel Industry Management (TIM School) at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Shidler College of Business (Shidler)

President Lassner provided information on two financial commitments made by Mr. William R. Johnson Jr., a respected community supporter, philanthropist in Hawai‘i and California, and alumnus and supporter of Shidler, and spoke briefly on Mr. Johnson’s personal history. Both gift pledges of $500,000 are being made to establish endowed, named distinguished professorships at the TIM School. In addition, Mr. Jay Shidler has agreed to provide unrestricted matching funds to the two financial gifts given to the TIM School. In recognition of the receipt of these gifts, the administration is requesting board approval for the naming of two William R. Johnson Jr. Endowed Distinguished Professorships.
Regent McEnerney moved to approve the establishment of two William R. Johnson Jr. Endowed Distinguished Professorships at the TIM School, seconded by Regent Moore, and noting the excused absences of Regents Nahale-a and Tagorda, the motion carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

F. Legislative Update

VP Young quickly went over the legislative timetable and provided an update on measures and priority issues that UH is following at the Legislature stating that the administration was actively tracking 520 of the approximately 2,300 measures introduced this legislative session. VP Young briefly reviewed the status of a number of measures including bills relating to the UH budget, UH's legislative package bills, and other bills of interest involving the board and the administration highlighting several key measures that were still alive this session including bills dealing with the Hawaii Promise Program; bills addressing technology, innovation, and commercialization at UH; bills requiring public meetings of the board to be recorded and broadcast; and a bill that would modify the appointment process board members. VP Young also noted several measures that have already failed to move in the legislative process including a bill regarding the Tuition and Fees Special Fund (TFSF); bills relating to the Regents Candidate Advisory Council; and bills relating to funding mental health services at UH. Another legislative update will be provided at the board’s March meeting.

Regent Acoba inquired about the reasoning for removing the $3 million cap on the amount of funds from the TFSF that can be used by UHF (H.B. No. 2530/S.B. No. 2560). VP Young replied that if UHF found an opportunity to make investments that would significantly increase university revenues, current statutory language prohibits the university from contributing more than $3 million toward these opportunities. Removal of the cap has the potential for providing the university with increased investment opportunities that would be beneficial to the university through the generation of these additional revenues.

Noting no objections, Chair Kudo announced that agenda item H would be taken out of order and that agenda item G would be discussed after the executive session.

H. NOAA Site Redevelopment Update

VP Young provided an update on the NOAA site redevelopment stating that the NOAA site is located on 2.2-acre parcel of surplus property received from the federal government near Dole Street and East-West Center Road. The project, which is being developed as a public-private partnership whereby the developer will design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the property while the university retains fee-simple interest in the property subject to a long-term ground lease, is at a critical point and is leading into contract arrangements with UH’s development partner, Greystar. Conceptual plans for development of the site include the construction of two towers which will consist of below-market rental housing (388 units), primarily for graduate students, with associated parking, and may also include a child care facility and retail space. VP Young highlighted the current status of the project noting that an exclusive negotiations agreement has already been executed and that pre-construction
agreements (PCA) are currently under negotiation. He also provided a tentative timeline for the project stating that the administration is anticipating negotiations on various agreements between the university and the developer to take place and be completed over the next two years, pending board approval; that building permits will be issued and construction initiated by 2022; and that the project will be completed and a certificate of occupancy issued by the summer of 2024.

Regent Westerman asked whether 70 parking stalls would be adequate to satisfy the parking needs of this facility. VP Young replied that while there are only 70 stalls located on the footprint of the property, numerous parking stalls are located in the area of the facility. He further remarked that economics and site capacity have to be figured into the equation when determining the amount of parking provided for a project.

Regent Moore opined that perhaps some of the issue with parking adequacy could be addressed by using transportation management techniques such as providing several stalls for car sharing services. VP Young replied that the use of car sharing services has been discussed.

Regent Sullivan requested that, as this project evolves, the administration provide information to the board on the need for faculty housing. She stated that concerns have consistently been raised in the past regarding the high cost of housing and the increased need for providing affordable rental housing for faculty but that this project is seeking to provide low-market rental housing for graduate students. VP Young replied that one reason the administration is anxious to finalize and execute a PCA with Greystar is so that a market study can be conducted to determine the demand for the project and the type of housing needed.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)

Upon motion by Regent Higaki, seconded by Regent Wilson, and noting the excused absences of Regents Nahale-a and Tagorda, the board approved convening in executive session to consider matters concerning the authority of persons designated by the board to conduct labor negotiations or to negotiate the acquisition of public property, or during the conduct of such negotiations, and to consult with the board’s attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Sections 92-5(a)(3) and 92-5(a)(4), Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.

The meeting recessed at 12:16 p.m.

Vice-Chair Higaki left at 1:06 p.m.

Vice-Chair Sullivan left at 1:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Chair Kudo reported that the board met in executive session to discuss legal and real estate matters as indicated on the agenda.
VI. AGENDA ITEMS (continued)

G. Discussion on Regent Policies (RP) Related to Integrated Planning

Board Secretary Oishi provided a brief overview of the Integrated Academic Facilities Plan (IAFP) noting that the IAFP framework was adopted by the board in 2017 and that its intent was to provide guidance on prioritization of the use of resources by the university through an integrated process involving academic programs, facilities, and finances. She stated that the Board Office and administration have been collaborating on amending and fine-tuning several RPs relating to integrated planning since the adoption of the IAFP, specifically RP 4.201, 4.202, and 4.203. She succinctly reviewed RP 4.201, 4.202, and 4.203, and noted the proposed revisions to each RP, going through each document section by section. A chart mapping the various plans, policies, and priorities was also provided to board members and discussed.

Regent Acoba commented on several issues with regard to the proposed amendments to RP 4.201, 4.202, and 4.203. His observations noted, in part, that:

- Paragraph 3, subsection C of Section III, in RP 4.201, required introductory language;
- Section III, subsections C, E, and F, and Section IV of RP 4.201, appeared to place greater emphasis on the role of the system as setting the mission and values of the university, with a centralized focus on the president and less emphasis on the board's role;
- Under paragraph 1, subsection B, of Section III, in RP 4.202, the "decadal outlook" presented by the president to the board could fall outside a regent's 5 year term;
- Section III, subsection B, paragraph 2 of RP 4.202, should couch the board’s approval of the president’s strategic direction as "shall" rather than "will";
- Section III, subsection C of RP 4.202, should have the reference to the "university" changed to "board";
- It is not clear how Section III, subsection D, paragraph 2 of RP 4.203, which requires the president to review the institution and its units every five years comports with the decadal review, the five-year review on strategic directions, the six year reviews now conducted, and the annual metric strategic direction review.

Regent Moore inquired as to what the next steps were for the proposed amended RPs. President Lassner replied that this conversation would inform the next round of drafts of the RPs which then would be presented to the Committee on Personnel Affairs and Board Governance for further review, deliberations, and action. Additionally, Chair Kudo requested that regents review the proposed RPs and submit comments or suggestions to the Chair and Board Office.
VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Kudo announced that the next board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020, at Honolulu Community College.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Regent Wilson moved to adjourn, and Regent Bal seconded, and noting the excused absences of Vice-Chair Higaki, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Regent Nahale-a, and Regent Tagorda, the motion carried with all others present voting in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kendra Oishi
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents